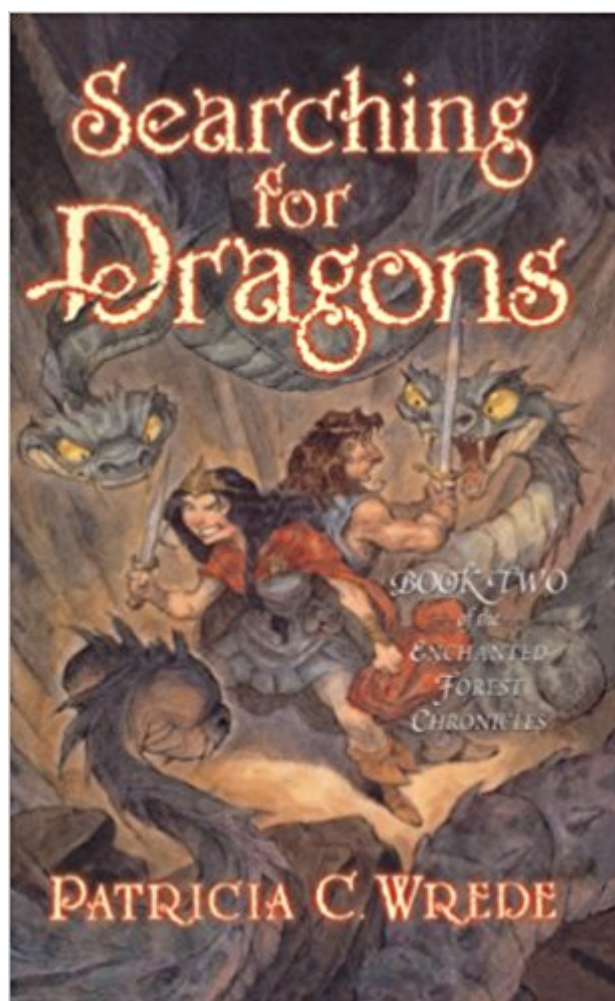


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# Searching For Dragons (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition) (Enchanted Forest Chronicles)



## Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. With the aid of King Mandanbar, Princess Cimorene rescues the dragon Kazul and saves the Enchanted Forest from a band of wicked wizards. Book 2 in the Enchanted Forest Chronicles.

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## Customer Reviews

Dealing as it does with dragon-napping and magic-stealing, this sequel to *Dealing with Dragons* puts a whimsical spin on familiar fairy-tale elements. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 5-9-In this lighthearted tale of dragon-napping and magic gone awry, Princess Cimorene, a feisty young girl who craves more adventure than palace life has to offer, runs away to live in an enchanted forest. There, she serves as Chief Cook and Librarian to Kazul, leader of the dragons. When an unsavory group of wizards captures Kazul, Cimorene joins forces with the unpretentious King Mandanbar. Together they set out to rescue Kazul and the dragon kingdom. This second book (Harcourt, 1991) in the Enchanted Forest Chronicles series continues Patricia C. Wrede's *Dealing with Dragons* (Harcourt, 1990). However, each book can stand on its own quite well. In this full cast

production, the pace is perfect and the delivery is superb. Mike Dirksen and Lauren Singer give especially fine performances as King Mendanbar and Princess Cimorene. Fantasy lovers will not be disappointed in the recorded version of this charming tale. Celeste Steward, Contra Costa County Library, Clayton, CA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In the sequel to *Dealing with Dragons*, someone is stealing magic from the Enchanted Forest, prompting the King - Mendanbar to search out Kazul to find out if the King of the dragons knows anything. But when he finds out that Kazul has been dragonnapped, King Mendanbar and Princess Cimorene begin a quest to find out where Kazul is. Told mainly from the point of view of Mendanbar, *Searching for Dragons* is a fun, quick read. Filled with malfunctioning magic carpets, giants who plan career changes, and dastardly wizards who would thwart Cimorene and Mendanbar in their quest, this book continues the whimsical spirit of the first.

Ahhh! The second book. I definitely would recommend if you read the first book, you absolutely must continue with this one! Even if you don't end up getting the last two books, this one is a definite must, as I truly enjoy Cimorene and her story of meeting the king of the enchanted forest. It's well worth the time and money. I truly am enchanted by the whole series! But Book 1 and Book 2 are definitely the best out of all of them. 3 and 4 are good too, but not a definite read like the first two are!

Did I like this one EVEN BETTER than the first one? Possibly. It had less Kazul, which is sad because I like Kazul. And I was at first a little wary when the book opened from the perspective of someone other than Cimorene. But all my doubts were unfounded! This entry is just as charming as the previous book. Mendanbar is very likable, and his relationship with Cimorene very refreshing. They worked well together without unnecessary angst. They made a good team. It was nice to see Morwen again, and Telemain an amusing addition to the party. The wizards were as devious - and as useless - as ever. The little side plot where Cimorene and Mendanbar solve everyone's fairy-tale problems was clever, and injected an extra dose of humor into what is already a sweet tale. I especially appreciated that their interventions caused some unforeseen problems (like in the case of Wicked Uncle and nephew) but then solved them as well. Very neat plotting.

This book is creative and the series is great. I think this book deserves a 5 star rating and anyone

that likes wizards, dragons, knights, kings, sorcerers, princesses, princes, magic swords, enchantment, and etc. Would definitely recommend to any fantasy lover or young adult.

Wrede must have had a blast writing these books -- I certainly had fun reading them. And I'm 36, so ignore the fact that they can be found in the juvenile section of the library. The books are very much like the old "fractured fairytales" of Rocky and Bullwinkle. All the fairytale standbys are here: princesses, dragons, knights, witches, enchanted beasts, giants, magic carpets, etc. But nothing seems to be quite like the fairytales promise. Giants want to retire from pillaging and complain that all Englishmen seem to be named "Jack". Flying carpets need to have their threadwork tuned up. And evil uncles (the male auxiliary of the Right Honorable Order Of Wicked Step-mothers) can actually be quite fond of their nephews. Besides this, there is a nifty romance taking place. In a world where sensible people try their best to avoid fairytale romances, the best romance of all turns out to be a fairytale cliché! The series is really set up as a standalone first book, and then a sequel to that which takes place over the span of a trilogy. So this novel is the first third of the sequel. But it stands alone just fine, and is my favorite of the four books.

I was so very pleased to be able to get this book because I had books 1, 3 and 4 but I did not want to move on to 3 before reading the 2nd book and I was afraid these were only sold in sets.

I first read these in middle school and now I am buying them for my middle school classroom. All the books in this series are fun and enjoyable! If you have a student who loves fantasy and/or dragons, this is a great series to recommend! The characters are funny and the plot engaging! Highly recommend!

Excellent book.

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